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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 162
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Manney Moore and the 1996-1997 Cosby High School boys' basketball team on reaching the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament.

WHEREAS, the 1996-1997 Cosby High School boys' basketball team has honored their school and their community by reaching the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Cosby boys first attracted attention by facing tough District 1-A competition and winning the regular season district title with a sparkling 13-1 record; and

WHEREAS, this tremendously talented team then took the title in the District 1-A Tournament, with victories against Clinch, taming the Wildcats 86-64; Unaka, beating the Rangers, with excellent scouting reports, 65-45; and lowering the sails of the University High School Buccaneers 66-44; and

WHEREAS, the Eagles next won the coveted Region 1-A tournament, stinging the Coalfield Yellow Jackets 93-55; eliminating the boys from Elizabethton (Unaka) 68-52; and cooling the fire of the J. Frank White Academy Dragons 82-62; and

WHEREAS, in their fiercely fought Substate battle, Cosby beat back the determined effort of Chattannoga Boyd-Buchanan and sank the Buccaneers 81-56, thus earning a spot at

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the prestigious Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament;
and

WHEREAS, the Eagles have soared high this season by reaching the state tournament perch for the first time, a particularly important accomplishment since this is the final year for the school; and

WHEREAS, Cosby finished this memorable season with an enviable 24-7 record, a winning percentage of .774; and

WHEREAS, their highly regarded coach, Manny Moore, the District 1-A Coach of the Year, has inspired the squad members to work hard, play adroitly, make sacrifices and be goal-oriented. His capable assistants are David Whaley and Duran Williams; and

WHEREAS, with each member working together to achieve success, the squad included seniors, guard Josh Barnes, named the Most Valuable Player for the district regular season, the District 1-A Tournament, and the Region 1-A Tournament; center Chris Gregg and guard J. R. Brown; juniors, forward Michael McGaha, guard Derek Miller and center Shawn Coggins; Super Sophomores, guard Josh Webb, an All-District regular season, All-District Tournament and All-Region Tournament honoree; guard David Savard, an All-District Tournament and All-Region Tournament choice; guard Chad Styles, an All-District regular season and All-Region Tournament choice; and guard Seth Rodgers; and freshmen, guard Josh McMahon; guard Josh Cutshaw; forward Blake Shults and forward Tyler Williams; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working managers were: Chard Bryant, Carter Moore, R. C. Moore, and Eric Osborne; and

WHEREAS, tribute should also be paid to Cosby's excellent principal, Joe Burchette, as well as the school's countless fans, who consistently filled the "Eagles Nest" and traveled with the squad to road games; and

WHEREAS it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor this outstanding team who chose to complete their illustrious school history as winners; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Manny Moore and the 1996-1997 Cosby High School boys' basketball team on an exemplary season and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copy.